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Connie, Here is my application.

-- Colleen



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THOMPSON COBURN, LLP, St. Louis, MO

Associate, Environmental Practice Group, 1998-2001; Summer Associate, 1997

- Began environmental regulatory and litigation practice described above with Thompson Coburn in 1998; moved to Husch & Eppenberger in 2002 with nine other attorneys from Thompson Coburn's Environmental Practice Group

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, St. Louis, MO

Law Intern, Summer 1996

- Conducted investigative work on environmental crimes case
- Drafted memoranda regarding various fraud, evidentiary, environmental, and sentencing issues

LACLEDE STEEL COMPANY, Alton, IL

Environmental Department, Summer 1995

- Compiled information for Contingency Plans and Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans
- Compiled lists of pertinent due dates/expiration dates for fees, annual reports, and permits

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, Washington, D.C.

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Summer 1994

- Researched and compiled series of case studies on EPA's Toxics Release Inventory
- Compiled documents regarding the reauthorization of the Toxic Substances Control Act

EDUCATION

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1998, GPA 3.65/4.00 (top 12%)

Loyola University Chicago Law Journal, Executive Editor, Student Articles, ABA Moot Court Team

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Notre Dame, IN

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 1995, GPA 3.59/4.00

Major in Government, Hesburgh Program in Public Service; London Program, Fall 1993

PUBLICATIONS

"Civil and Criminal Liability," Co-author, Chapter 4 Supplement, *Missouri Environmental Law*, 2002

"Northern Cook County: A Major Setback for Wetlands Regulation?" *Missouri Environmental Insider*, Feb. 2001

"Defendant Anonymity: An Uncertain Future": *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, Fall 1997

"A New Vision for TSCA": EPA, *Chemicals in Progress Bulletin*, Summer 1994

"Green Universities": EPA, *Pollution Prevention News*, Aug./Sept. 1994

Colleen E. Michuda
GS-15 Senior Attorney Interview
June 21, 2011

Highlights of Qualifications

- Provided several training programs for OSCs, SEIMB, and new Superfund attorneys
 - Action Memoranda
 - Administrative Records
 - ARARs for Removals
 - Residential Property Policy
 - NCP
 - Negotiations
 - Federal Agency Responses
 - Removals, including Removal Enforcement Timeline and Checklist training
- Served as attorney liaison to Removal Program and assisted in the successful development and implementation of the Removal Enforcement Timeline and Checklist
- Served on Removal Attorney Workgroup and BFPP Workgroup
 - Volunteered as after-hours emergency removal contact
 - Participated in PPI calls and assisted in the drafting of status/comfort letters
- Negotiated the following CERCLA settlements: (1) three ATP settlements; (2) three 122(h) past cost settlements; (3) three RI/FS settlements; (4) four removal settlements; (5) one RD/RA consent decree
- Negotiated eight CWA 311 consent agreements
- Prepared CWA 404 and 311 referrals, and CERCLA 107 referral
- Conducted extensive review of Kentucky statutes and regulations for RCRA authorization application
- Participated in the negotiation and implementation of the TVA Kingston CERCLA order for time-critical and non-time-critical removal actions
- Received Region 4's Legal Enforcer of the Year Award for FY 2007
- Received a Quality Step Increase (2008)
- Received a Gold Medal for the TVA AOC Negotiations (2010)
- Received numerous "outstanding" reviews

RCRA Senior Attorney Proposals

- Organize and provide training programs
 - Offer joint training sessions with RCRA Program clients
 - Solicit ideas from RCRA Program and other RCRA attorneys
 - Encourage RCRA Program and staff attorneys to provide trainings
 - Provide updates on hot topics/new developments (i.e, coal combustion residuals rule)
- Host brownbag lunches (case-specific issues; brainstorming sessions)
- Update expert list (regional and headquarters)
- Update RCRA regulatory topics on Quickr (i.e., model permits, summaries of state authorization status, RCRA 3013 guidance and models)
- Host OEA/RCRA Program lunches
- Maintain office hours
- Participate in RCRA Branch meetings (if acceptable to RCRA Program client)

Superfund Cost Recovery Senior Attorney Proposals

- Organize and provide training programs
 - Offer joint training sessions with SEIMB Program client (i.e., caselaw, lien issues, divisibility)
 - Educate staff attorneys on process for targeting
- Develop and implement Cost Recovery Timeline/Checklist
- Develop and promote case team meetings for cost recovery cases
 - Encourage participation of senior attorney, staff attorney, EPM, Civil Investigator, SEIMB manager, and CERCLA manager
 - Hold meeting early in process to chart path forward
- Host brownbag lunches (case-specific issues; caselaw updates; brainstorming sessions)
- Maintain office hours
- Participate in SEIMB Branch meetings (if acceptable to SEIMB Program client)